The Martyrdom of Hadhrat Husayn τ

All glory to Allaah, the Giver and Taker of life; Salutations upon Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) the Beloved last Rasul of Allaah and the Grandfather without similitude of Hadhrat Hussayn τ and moreover may the blessing of Allaah be on the Sahaba τ who watered the Rose Garden of Islam with their blood.

The Qur'aan states about martyrs:

"Do not say that they are dead, nay but they are alive".

The topic as mentioned by my respected Ustaad is sadly depressing, interesting and full of lessons.

Today I will not dwell on the details of the martyrdom of Hadhrat Husayn τ but view this whole historical tragedy from a different angle. We shall draw lessons to enlighten the future and the errors of the past must thereby serve as beacons of light for the gloomy dark future.

Firstly the horrific martyrdom took place on the 10th of Muharam after a series of events which led to the place Karbala. The 10th of Muharam in the Indo-Pak sub continent and now in South Africa and especially in Iran or pre-dominantly, Shia based or influenced areas has become an orator's haven for highlighting this event with emotion loaded sentimental over toned lecture. However, on this date 10th of Muharam many historical events already took place like the release of Hadhrat Yunus υ from the belly of the fish or the drowning of Firoun with his army giving the freedom to Musa υ or the acceptance of Dua'a of Hadhrat Adam υ etc. Unfortunately the message portrayed and impression created in the minds of the listener is that the only event of 10^{th} Maharam is the Martyrdom of Hadhrat Husayn τ . This is Shia influenced propaganda!.

Secondly the belief propounded in the hearts of the audience, is that the

`Sayidis Shuhada (Chief of the Martyrs) is Hadhrat Husayn τ whereas this is contrary the basic belief of the ahlus Sunnat wal-Jamaat, who up held the teaching of Rasulullah ρ <u>himself</u> which is the `Sayides Shuhada' of Hadhrat Hamza τ , the uncle of Rasulullah ρ the mutilated martyrs of the battle of Uhud. This is also Shia propaganda - to create extra love for the Ahle Bait (the family of Rasulullah ρ) and at the same time to diminish in the hearts of Muslims love for the Sahaba τ in general.

Thirdly the title of `Imam' is prefixed to the name of Hadhrat Husayn τ which is gladly accepted by the Sunnat world due to respect, love and honour, they have and display for the Beloved Grandson of Rasulullah ρ . Hadhrat Husayn τ . This however, respected brethren, is another Shia tactic to promote their belief of Imams. Every Shia believes in Divinely appointed Specified Imams after Rasulullah ρ . By repeatedly mentioning the words `Imam' Husayn τ or `Imam' Husayn τ , they cleverly climatize the head and heart to accept their concept of Imammology. This belief is a cardinal principle of the Shia faith!

Fourthly by dramatizing the scenes of Karbala and setting up media dramatic scenarios, the doors for over exaggeration, fabrications, concocted scenes is flung wide open. Ignorant Muslims re-enact the various scenes of Karbala and these are termed the `Passion Plays of Maharam'. In some areas lengthily queues are made leading to a person who slashes their heads with sharp razors, letting out - gushing out a spray of blood. All this to encourage the spirit of Jihad and to develop the love for martyrdom. Meanwhile men and women may weep and wail, tearing their clothing and beating their chests in trance with their clenched fists, calling aloud Hassan - Husayn. Unfortunately these un-Islaamic practices are creeping into the simple minded Muslim masses.

Fifthly the audience is made to believe that Hadhrat Husayn τ is a young person laying down his life - whereas the truth of the matter is Hadhrat Husayn τ was elderly when the sad event of Karbala transpired.

Sixthly one is informed that thousands of letters were sent to Hadhrat Husayn τ from Kufa, requesting his presence in the Kufa. However, not one of the letters has been recorded, found or discovered by <u>any</u> historian - Sunni or even Shia! But every orator stirs his crowd by the above!

Seventhly the general flow of one sided narrations forces the listeners to conclude that Hadhrat Husayn τ was called to Kufa whereas research proves that various prominent Sahabah τ strongly advises Hadhrat Husayn τ not to go the Kufa.

Eightly the wearing of black clothing on those days of Muharam to express solidarity with those martyred in Karbala. However wearing black clothing and mourning in this fashion has no basis in Sharia.

Ninethly in certain areas centres are temporarily erected along the roadside to provide sweet water and "Sherbet" "Sweetened coloured flavoured milk" to the pedestrians. This is done because the martyrs of Karbala were deprived of water so it is freely distributed now - what strange reasoning and logic! Sadly Sunni Muslims indulge in (this non-substantiated action.)

Tenthly 'Qasidas" are recited 'Majals" are held, no cooking of delicious dishes and marrying in the first 10 days of Maharam and distribution of 'Maleeda' (sweetened flour dish). All the above are pure Bid'at (innovations).

Respected Brothers that presently makes

"There are 10 in all".

Consider the above with a calm heart, cool mind, searching brain, in all fairness and realise that the Shias are using the dynamic, Noble, Beautiful personality of Hadhrat Husayn τ to fulfil their own sinister plays and plots.

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